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**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION**  
**November 6 and 7, 2001**  
**Sacramento, California**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Stan Dixon, Acting Chair  
Mark Bosetti  
Robert Heald (November 6 only)  
Kirk Marckwald  
Tharon O'Dell  
Paula Ross  
Gary Rynearson  
Norman Waters

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:**

Daniel R. Sendek  
Acting Executive Officer, and  
Executive Officer, Foresters Licensing  
Donna Stadler, Executive Assistant  
Fran Henson, Board Consultant

**DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:**

Andrea Tuttle, Director  
Ross Johnson, Deputy Director, Resource Management  
Dean Lucke, Assistant Deputy Director  
Gerald Ahlstrom, Forest Practice Staff Chief  
Jim Mote, Regulations Coordinator

**CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chair Dixon called the November 7, 2001, Board of Forestry and Fire Protection meeting to order.

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Acting Chair Dixon reported that the Board met in Executive Session on November 6, 2001, and asked the Acting Executive Office to report on items discussed.

Mr. Daniel Sendek, Acting Executive Officer for the Board, announced that during the Board's Executive Session, the Board considered the proposed decisions of Administrative Law Judges (ALJ) in the Administrative Civil Penalty Appeal cases of James J. Bollinger and Arlin Grandy. The Board voted not to adopt the proposed decisions submitted by the ALJs and set the matters for consideration on or before January 9, 2002. The Board then directed staff to obtain copies of the transcripts of the proceedings. The Board will determine, at its January 2002 meeting, whether to

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modify the proposed decisions or refer the matters back to the Office of Administrative Hearings for further consideration and receipt of additional evidence.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Acting Chair Dixon asked for the approval of the October 2001 Board minutes.

**01-11-1** Mr. O'Dell moved to approve the October 2001 minutes as amended. Mr. Ryneearson seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Acting Chair Dixon apologized to the Board for allowing testimony based on rumors during the October meeting. He said that he spoke to the individual and explained his position.

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Ms. Andrea Tuttle, Director of Forestry and Fire Protection, reported that fire season would be closed next week except for the Riverside and San Diego Units. She said that there was an increase in fire starts during the 2001 fire season, but with fewer acres burned.

Director Tuttle announced that there had been several individuals who have moved into new positions--they are: Steven Peterson, new Chief for the Lassen-Modoc Unit; Allan Stovall, Chief for the Siskiyou Unit; Fred Batchelor, Chief of South ops; and Ernie Loveless, Staff Chief at the Santa Rosa Office. Also, Deputy Director Woody Allshouse after 33 years with the Department has announced his retirement effective the end of this month.

Director Tuttle reported on the status of the state budget and what it means to CDF. She said that there is talk about somewhere between 8 and 14 billion dollars deficit for the next fiscal year, and it is possible that it could go up to 24 billion dollars. Referring to the Governor's hiring freeze order, she said that the Governor initially requested 3, 5, and 10 percent Departmental Budget cut proposals, but now that has been increased to 15 percent. There is a request for 10 percent reduction in operating expenses for this fiscal year, resulting in some programs the Department was trying to implement being cut back. There is an exemption for direct fire fighting purposes, but Resource Management is not exempt. The Stewardship and Resource Management programs will undergo significant reductions. The FRIF fund has been crippled due to the injunction on harvesting on Jackson Demonstration State Forest. By mid-Spring, the Department hopes to bring the JDSF Management Plan EIR before the Board for consideration.

Director Tuttle said that the Governor had signed a number of bills, including Assemblywoman Strom-Martin's bill limiting Less Than Three-Acre Conversions Exemptions. Senator Chesbro's bill was also signed, which provides for an additional 15 days for the THP review process.

Director Tuttle reported that CDF held a statewide meeting of all its Peace Officers. The meeting focused on updating the policies, responsibilities, and roles of the law enforcement units. CDF is working with the Resources Agency on security plans for this building, as well as aviation security.

Director Tuttle said that there was a meeting of State Forest Managers. The State Forest Management Plans will be coming before the Board every five years. She then reviewed the activities within the State Forests. She noted that the Department was developing a Native American Advisory Committee to cover all of CDF's programs.

Director Tuttle reported that last month she attended the National Association of State Foresters annual meeting in Arkansas where the Border Agency Fire Council received the highest award that the Forest Service NASF and the National Ad Council provides, the Golden Smokey Award for efforts in wildlife protection. The Border Agency Fire Council also received the Governor's Award for Environmental and Economic Leadership.

### **REPORT OF THE OAK MORTALITY TASK FORCE**

Mr. Mark Stanley, Assistant Deputy Director for Resource Management, reviewed the California Oak Mortality Task Force's (COMTF) monthly report for the Board. He said that three new species have been identified as hosts of *Phytophthora ramorum*: California Coffeeberry, Toyon, and the California Honeysuckle; there are now 15 hosts. He reported that the California Bay is a common host.

Mr. Stanley announced that the University of California, Berkeley, has hired a new GIS analyst, Karin Tuxen. She will focus on developing detailed maps that will be available on the Internet for the general public and professionals, showing actual locations of Sudden Oak Death (SOD) confirmations and infested areas.

Mr. Stanley reported that the 5<sup>th</sup> Oak Symposium took place on October 23-25, 2001, at the Bahia Resort Hotel in San Diego. The conference was titled, "Oaks in California's Changing Landscape." There was a session on SOD that featured many of the key researchers working on the problem in California. The University of California Cooperative Extension and the East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD) hosted a workshop on recognizing, monitoring, and reporting SOD. It was well attended and there was a great exchange of information with lots of questions and comments. EBRPD reported a new policy of discontinuing the cutting of host material into firewood for public use and the Park is no longer receiving mulch from outside sources.

Mr. Stanley noted that the Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District (MPROSD) is continuing its sampling and verification of SOD in the San Mateo and Santa Clara County regions along the Santa Cruz Mountains. The majority of positive samples have been found within a 5-mile radius of the Highway 9 and the Highway 35 area. It is estimated that there are over 500 dead or infected trees in the area. In China Camp State Park, located on San Pablo Bay, campsites have been closed while crews remove dead and dying trees. It is estimated that eighty trees will be removed.

Mr. Stanley reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> COMTF meeting would be held on November 15, 2001, in Petaluma, California. He then reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sudden Oak Death Summit would be held on November 16, 2001, in Petaluma. U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer is scheduled to give the keynote address.

### **REPORT OF FEDERAL AGENCIES INCLUDING USDA FOREST SERVICE, NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE AND US EPA**

Director Tuttle announced that California's new Regional Forester, Jack Blackwell, has been appointed to take Brad Powell's position in the Pacific Southwest Region.

**NOTE:** The report from the USFS was provided later in the day.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Bernie Bush, Simpson Timber Company, he said that there is often a criticism about this Board for non-action. He undertook some research and since 1981 there have been over 220 rule packages passed by this Board, an average 10 packages per year. This year there were

approximately 10-rule package passed. He said that the list of proposals brought forward for discussion for next year already number 18 to 20. He encouraged the Board to reflect as it goes forward, looking at the necessity of new rules and looking at ways to better implement what is already in place. He suggested that next year the Board find the opportunity to look at the way some things are brought to the Board. He suggested that some RPFs bring the Board examples of Review-Team recommendations and for the Board to put itself in the place of the landowner who would address the issues in the Review-Team process.

Mr. Mark Rentz, California Forestry Association (CFA), provided some handouts and reviewed them for the Board. He told a true story of land management in the hopes that the Board would be reminded of the story when it deliberates the issues it will deal with next year. Since September 11, 2001, the price of lumber has dropped almost 30 percent. He reviewed mill closures and the economic issues for the Board. He said that private industry needs the Board's help, and needs to know that there is a process in place that provides some certainty in costs, timelines, and productivity. He believes that otherwise it will be very difficult to be competitive with the neighboring states and foreign countries.

Mr. Richard Gienger, Humboldt Watershed Council, congratulated the Board for providing some protection for the old growth in California. He then referred to Chesbro bill and said that it was for more complicated plans. He encouraged the Board to hit the ground running in January 2002. He also encouraged the Board to pursue Native American THP participation. He said that there is a need for action on watercourse crossings and some creative funding in general. Also, he believes that the Board needs to work with Water Quality on the State Listing of Coho.

Mr. Chris Philbrick, Mendocino County Landowner, referred to the National Marine Fisheries Service August 2001 presentation to the Board. Acting Chair Dixon suggested that Mr. Philbrick's testimony would be better given under agenda item 15.

#### **DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT: "A SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR THE PREDICTION OF CUMULATIVE WATERSHED EFFECTS," INCLUDING A DISCUSSION OF "PROOF OF CONCEPT"**

Mr. Ross Johnson, Deputy Director for Resource Management, provided an overview of the document prepared by the University of California's committee on Cumulative Watershed Effects, which is referred to as the "Dunne Report." He provided a copy of the Department's responses to the Dunne Report and reviewed those responses for the Board. He said that independent from decisions on individual THPs, CDF is working with other agencies in an effort to set up a pilot project, testing the approach suggested in the Dunne Report.

Dr. Bill Stewart, FRAP Chief, provided an update on the "Proof of Concept" approach, which is being delayed by budget constraints. Work on the North Coast Watershed Assessment Program (NCWAP) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is resulting in some progress. There is a need for a major compilation of data-bases. An effort at this is being made by the NCWAP, which includes federal data. So far, analysis indicates that effective watershed evaluation cannot be derived from one component. NCWAP is trying to set limits for each major component. One weakness of the data is the lack of good-quality fish population data. It appears that fish survival is not correlated to sediment. CDF is working with the SWRCB on some possible funding through Prop 13 and Title 19 grants. He reported that there is an impressive effort being done by Oregon on watersheds and that Oregon is about three or four years ahead of California on this issue.

Mr. Richard Gienger said that he hopes that the Dunne Report will be a catalyst for change and he believes that the Proof of Concept should move forward.

Mr. Johnson said that CDF was working toward the Dunne Report recommendations. He said that the Department believes that after the Board has had a chance to read the full report, it will agree that the Proof of Concept is the way to move forward.

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FOREST PEST COUNCIL**

Mr. Scott Johnson, Chairman of the California Forest Pest Council (CFPC), reported that obtaining funding from the Legislature was successful this past year. He reviewed the structure of the CFPC and how it handles some of its issues. He noted that the CFPC passed its IRS audit as a non-profit organization.

Mr. Johnson announced that the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary CFPC meeting would be held at the Red Lion Inn, Sacramento, on November 14-16, 2001, and extended an invitation to the Board Members.

Mr. Johnson reported that the Animal Damage Committee sent out its Animal Damage Survey and had a good response. That committee will provide a report to the Board next year.

### **RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RMAC)**

Mr. Tom Randolph, Executive Secretary to the RMAC, reported that RMAC has been working on the California Fuels Hazard Reduction Act. He provided a copy of the Executive Summary of the Act and reviewed it for the Board. The purpose of the Act is to reduce the frequency and severity of California wildfire, the resultant danger to public safety and the loss of personal property, while improving air quality, reducing wildfire suppression costs, and enhancing the environment. Mr. Randolph noted that the Act would be reviewed five years after its initiation. At that time, the Department and the Committee will evaluate its success in reducing fire fuels, encouraging innovative fuel management practices, and use of biomass for energy production.

Director Tuttle said that CDF has no role in this proposal, it is a product of RMAC.

Mr. Randolph said that RMAC was working with UC Davis on a water quality workshop for the range community. He then announced that the RMAC end of the year report to the Board would be given in January 2002.

### **MONITORING STUDY GROUP (MSG)**

Mr. Pete Cafferata, CDF, Resource Management Hydrologist, reported that the MSG met on October 22, 2001. The meeting was well attended, including representatives from seven agencies. CDF provided an update on the draft Reference Watershed Catalog project that continues to be a work in progress. He reported that there was a presentation from CDF's FRAP unit on the Ecological Management Decision Support (EMDS) model being used by the North Coast Watershed Assessment Program. This was the same presentation previously provided to the Board's *Ad Hoc* Watershed Committee.

Mr. Cafferata said that the Department of Mines and Geology (DMG) provided a presentation on the limitations of SHALBSTAB, a computer model used for predicting shallow sliding potential in California. The MSG continued its discussion of the UC Committee's report titled "A Scientific Basis for the Prediction of Cumulative Watershed Effects." CDF is looking into the cost of a pilot study to try the techniques suggested in the report. CDF then provided the MSG with an update on the Forest Stewardship Committee, and a very brief update on the 2001 Hillslope Monitoring Program and the Modified Completion Report Monitoring Program.

Mr. Cafferata then announced that the next MSG meeting would be December 11, 2001, at Howard Forest.

### **PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS EXAMINING COMMITTEE (PFEC)**

Mr. Daniel Sendek, Executive Officer for Licensing, reported that the last meeting of the PFEC was in July. He announced that the latest Licensing News is out and has also been put on the Board's web page.

Mr. Sendek referred to the RPF vital statistics in the Board's binder. Per 14 CCR § 1607(c), "Individuals have sixty (60) days from the date of mailing the delinquency notice...to reinstate the license, after which the Board shall revoke the license..." He requested Board revocation of the following licenses: Robert B. Cochran, RPF 217; William M. Cannon, RPF 471; Richard J. Cramer, RPF 547; R. Alan Pryor, RPF 689; Rex R. Clark, RPF 845; Jerry D. Shipman, RPF 981; Elwood L. Miller, RPF 1045; Herman W. Weskamp, RPF 1311; James J. Oden, RPF 1435; William T. Imboden, RPF 1467; James A. DeLapp, RPF 1485; Howard O. Thrall, RPF 1769; James F. McKinstry, RPF 1863; Charles W. Warner, CRM 13; and Shannon L. Downey, CRM 53.

**01-11-2** Mr. Rynearson moved to approve the revocation of the licensees. Mr. O'Dell seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Mr. Sendek announced the passing of Paul E. Desrochers, RPF 1263 and Ronald L. Palmer, RPF 1643.

### **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL UPDATE**

Mr. Bryan Zollner, CDF Deputy Chief Public Education, provided the Board with a brief overview of the Fire Safe Council programs in California. He said that CDF is very active in the Fire Safe Council program to facilitate and build the community action element of the California Fire Plan. CDF was able to facilitate, through the BLM National Fire Plan, monies to fund not only Fire Safe Councils and RCDs, but local community groups making an effort to reduce hazardous fuels, and education projects for the public on wildfire prevention. CDF is still working with BLM to secure additional funding through the National Fire Plan for this fiscal year. He provided an overview of the 101 grants that were funded for the last fiscal year statewide.

Mr. Bruce Turbeville, Chairman of the Fire Safe Council, reviewed the types of projects that have been funded, such as educational programs on a statewide basis and individual programs for the local communities. There will be projects ranging from hiring coordinators for local Councils to chipper programs. Fuel reduction, fire reduction, hazard reduction, and damage reduction are the goals of the Fire Safe Council. He said that there is an opportunity to get more local government and Legislators involved with high visibility programs. Fire safety is most successful at the local level using the neighborhood by neighborhood approach.

Mr. David Henderson, president of South Lake Fire Safe Council (SLFSC) in Lake County, said that they are a small Council. A group of private citizens concerned about severe fire hazards are coming together in an effort to deal with the problems of the risk of life, property, and fire fighter safety. In July, the SLFS Council received an Article of Corporation and a non-profit status. The SLFS Council is now waiting for its tax exemption from the IRS. They have 106 subdivisions consisting of 550 homes in an area of mountainous terrain. In August, the Council received four grants from the BLM totaling approximately \$63,000. SLTFS began its educational program with Smokey Bear, the Smokey Bear museum, and the CDF helicopter at the local firehouse and it was very successful. If the SLTFC can save one life or one home, it will have been worth the effort. Education is the most challenging phase and will be an ongoing effort. He commented that without the commitment from CDF, this would have been an

impossible project. He indicated that the SLFSC has been getting good community support from businesses and organizations.

Mr. Zollner said the South Lake Fire Safe Council represents only one of the 93 Fire Safe Councils in California and that Mr. Henderson represents one of the smallest Councils. He said that the partnership at the statewide level is an example of cooperative efforts. BLM had money for helping communities, but lacked the vehicle to administer the funds. The Fire Safe Council provided that vehicle.

**DEPARTMENT RESPONSE TO AUGUST 8, 2001, PRESENTATION BY NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REGARDING RECOVERY OF ANADROMOUS SALMONIDS LISTED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT**

Acting Chair Dixon introduced the topic.

Ms. Andrea Tuttle, Director of Forestry and Fire Protection, said that in August, the National Marine Fisheries Service provided the Board with a presentation on CDF's THP review process for the protection of listed Salmonid species. The Department requested time to respond.

Mr. Bill Snyder, CDF Deputy Chief of Forest Practice in Santa Rosa, said that the Santa Rosa Office is responsible for processing and approving THPs on the north coast. The Department's view is that the current rules and review process provides for the protection of listed Salmonids. He asked that the short-term HCP guidelines not be viewed as the only means to avoid "take" and that they should only be applied to site-specific conditions. Other land management practices have been undertaken, and he believes that over time, the understanding and ability to integrate many of these practices into the THP review process will improve.

Mr. Snyder provided the Board with copies of his presentation. He summarized the Departments position: (1) CDF will continue to supply NMFS with copies of THPs and solicit first review questions, (2) Attempt to schedule mutually agreeable PHI dates within the statutory timelines; keep NMFS representatives apprised of scheduling of second review provide NMFS with agency reports and RPF responses, (3) Upon request, attempt to resolve issues at Santa Rosa as required. He said that NMFS would work with landowners to develop acceptable THP modifications and/or generate a PHI report with recommendations.

Acting Chair Dixon thanked the Department for its presentation.

**Public comments**

Mr. Mark Rentz, California Forestry Association (CFA), thanked the Department for an objective presentation. He provided three photographs and reviewed them with the Board. The pictures depict fish that are out in the ocean and cannot come up stream to spawn. He noted that several of the areas in the photos are still in the THP review process. He said that the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board acknowledged that 85 percent of its recommendations are adopted in THPs. He believes that the process works.

Mr. Rentz said that the National Marine Fisheries Service has done nothing for the sea lion and seal population since it sent its report to the Congress addressing that issue. That population is growing at an alarming rate up and down the coast and feeding on the fish that are trying to get upstream to spawn. He believes that this is one of the reasons why there are not enough fresh water fish. He said that there is a need to make sure that a legitimate correlation between freshwater habitat and fish populations exists.

Mr. Chris Philbrick said that along with the areas in the pictures supplied by Mr. Rentz, Salmon Creek, Alder Creek, Mill Creek, Pudding Creek, and the Ten Mile are also closed with sandbars

completely across them. His family has 690 acres in the middle of Mendocino County and is the fourth generation. The family is upset that NMFS chose to use their NTMP proposal as an example of why the Forest Practice Rules do not work. He said that NMFS used an HCP that was developed for the Sierras where clear-cutting is a predominant silvicultural method as a basis for its report. The NMFS report has resulted in additional mitigations, some of which the family has no problem with complying with. He said that they have been good stewards of the land and would like to continue. The costs have exceeded what they believe will ever be recovered. He believes that the problem is a difference of opinion between CDF and NMFS.

Mr. Robert DiPerna, Timber Harvesting Monitoring Coordinator for EPIC, said that CDF is not the listing agency and that when CDF makes a determination, it is based on judgement and not evidence under CEQA. There is no proof of effectiveness of CDF's mitigations and believes that CDF does not have the right to make those determinations. He said that EPIC believes that NMFS has fallen short of its obligation to protect the Salmon.

Mr. Warren Alford, Sierra Club, said that it is encouraging that CDF understands its role and responsibility to maintain the species. The decline of Coho is an indication that something has failed, and he believes that the present course of action should be to use caution relative to Coho salmon.

Mr. Jerry Garvey, Natural Resources Management Corporation (NRM) in Mendocino County, noted that one of the plans represented in the presentation by NMFS is currently under review. He believes that the process is working and the rules, when properly implemented, do work. He said that the process is in danger of becoming over burdened by excessive paperwork. He believes that given the opportunity, the process can work both to the advantage of the environment and the resource.

Mr. Richard Gienger said that he enjoyed the NMFS presentation and that of the Department noting that there were good points in both. He said that the NMFS's short-term Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) is an interim measure and is to be replaced with site-specific mitigations. He noted that the Monitoring Study Group report showed 40 percent probability of an impact by watercourse crossings. He questioned the Department's graphs that were presented, and he disagreed with the comments by CFA regarding sandbars.

Mr. Henry Alden, Gualala Redwoods, Inc., provided the Board with a presentation depicting diminishing returns for dollars invested in water quality. He believes that there is no harm to Coho in the Gualala River. He suggested that the Board should go back to the 100-foot buffer.

Mr. Jim Bond, NMFS, thanked CDF for its responses to the NMFS presentation. There is still some disagreement of issues, but NMFS looks forward to working with CDF in an effort to resolve them.

#### **DISCUSSION OF "SENSITIVE SPECIES" DESIGNATION, INCLUDING THE CRITERIA FOR LISTING AND DELISTING AS UTILIZED BY OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES**

Dr. Marty Berbach, Department of Fish and Game (DFG), provided a presentation showing an overview and brief history of the Board's Sensitive Species Rule. He concluded with recommendations that a task group be formed to revisit the Board's Sensitive Species Rule and Nest Site Protections Rule. He noted that there is a need for policy direction on "intent." He suggested that the task group start with the 1990 Wildlife Habitat and the Forest Practice task Force Report.

Mr. Phil Detrich, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), provided a presentation on listing categories and criteria on listing that the USFWS uses. The listing categories are Threatened or



Endangered and Candidate species, under the U.S. endangered Species Act, and Species of Concern. He then reviewed each of those categories, including their legal protections.

### **CONTINUED REPORT OF FEDERAL AGENCIES INCLUDING USDA FOREST SERVICE, NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE AND US EPA**

Mr. Mike Chapel, U. S. Forest Service (USFS), announced that Jack Blackwell is the new Regional Forester. He reported that the Sierra Nevada Framework Forest Plan Amendment decision should be in next week. There were approximately 150 appeals, which could result in modification of all documents. He reported that all four of the southern Forests would be revising forest plans this month, which begins a three-year process. Three Forest Service initiatives closed at the end of the Clinton Administration. Those initiatives were the Roads and Transportation Policy, the New Policy for Roadless Areas, and the Forest Service Planning Guides. The Roads and Transportation Policy is being modified and should be released next week. He reported that an Idaho court suspended the Roadless Areas Policy and the redrafting has not yet begun. He said that the final report on the Thirty Mile Fire had been released and that a recommended Action Plan has also been released.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Mr. Kirk Marckwald reported that the Committee discussed AB 671 regarding exemptions. The bill requires that the Board put out a 45-day notice. The Committee had some discussion on the Native American Heritage Commission's concerns over the role of the Board's Native American Advisory Committee. The Committee agreed to move the discussion on Watershed Assessments item to the *Ad Hoc* Committee. The Department provided a briefing on the activities of the Stewardship Committee.

Mr. O'Dell added that the under New and Unfinished Business, some old business of biomass exemption for non-commercial biomass harvesting came up and it was decided that the discussion would be continued.

Mr. Ryneanson added that 14 CCR 1104.1 needed to be modified by July 1, 2002, which means that the language would have to be ready by February or March.

Mr. Sendek said that the 45-Day Notice of that language would have to go out in February in order to meet the July deadline.

Mr. Richard Gienger noted that Mark Hite presented the three alternatives for Forest Stewardship Committee.

#### **RESOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE (RPC)**

Mr. Bosetti reported that the Committee received reports from the Department and that the Director covered those items in her report. The Department reported on a burn-over incident where fire shelters had to be deployed. An investigation is being conducted and a report will be forthcoming.

The Committee had a report from the U. S. Forest Service on this years fires starts and causes. There were 2100 fires under the Forest Service's jurisdiction that burned approximately 145,000 acres. One Thousand fifty five of those fires were human caused, and 1,029 fires were lightning caused burning about 63,000 acres.

The representative from the Department of Fish and Game reported on the progress relative to the Joint Pre-fire, Post-fire Policy. Also, a representative from the Fire Fighters Union indicated that there was a contract in the process of being ratified.

The Committee received the Annual Report of the Vegetation Management Program (VMP), and a copy of that report was provided to the Board members. There was some discussion regarding the overall objectives of the VMP and Fire Safe Councils revolving around the knowledge that the monies are available and the infrastructure is in place. He said that there is a lot of enthusiasm to get things done and that the Committee will continue to monitor this progress.

Mr. Waters said that the Committee always receives good reports from both the Northern Chief and Southern Chiefs.

### ***AD HOC WATERSHED COMMITTEE (AD HOC)***

Mr. Gary Rynearson reported that the Committee discussed the Road Management Plan and Watershed Assessment. There was an excellent discussion between the public, agencies, and Committee members on the Road Management Plan. The benefits of the Plan and incentives to the landowner were discussed. The Road Management Plan could serve to address issues linked to TMDL listings. Goals were discussed on sediment reductions from roads, long-term maintenance and repair costs, long-term road use and design plans, reductions of regulatory costs, a key element for watershed assessment, and a key element in a 4 (d) Rule for listed Salmonids.

There was a report from a representative from DFG regarding how some of its programs would be implemented given the pending considerations of the listing of Coho under the state listing. The Committee asked that DFG come back to the Committee with a presentation on the different programs under the DFG regulatory programs for state listings.

Under the Watershed Assessment discussion there was a review of the current status of the North Coast Watershed Assessment Program. A representative from the Department of Mines and Geology (DMG) reported that the mapping for the three pilot watersheds is near completion and should be released in January.

The Committee had a discussion on the implementation of the Interim Watershed Mitigation Addendum (IWMA). The Committee thought it would be prudent to contact some landowners regarding modification of the WEMA analysis into an IWMA. It would be of interest to the Board to get feedback from landowners. The Committee believes that it would be useful for landowners to come forward and discuss using the IWMA to give the Committee a sense of how many landowners will be using that process.

Mr. Rynearson said that at the January meeting there will be a continued discussion on the Road Management Program.

### **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Acting Executive Officer, Daniel Sendek, said that AB 671 and SB 909, are to be implemented January 1, 2002, and asked that the Board direct staff to prepare draft language to insure that the regulations match the statutes; the Board agreed. The infractions package was approved on October 30, 2001, and the Review Team recommendations package will be approved tomorrow. He advised the public that there are some word changes, but nothing substantial. He said that the remaining packages are scheduled for approval, two on November 16, 17, and two on November 30, 2001.

Mr. Sendek reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule for Members. The Board will meet Tuesdays through Thursdays. The January and February meetings will be held at 714 P Street, due to the remodeling of the Auditorium. He will work on putting together a workshop relative to the THP review process for the last day of the January meeting, and try to reschedule a workshop with the State Water Board, similar to that which was to be held in Angels Camp. He reviewed the travel schedule for 2002 for the Board.

Acting Chair Dixon said that the Interim and *Ad Hoc* Committee Chairs should work together to insure that the THP workshop stays focused.

Mr. Sendek attended a California Licensed Foresters workshop addressing CEQA and Cumulative Impact Assessment last month. He reported that it was well attended and there were good presentations.

Mr. Waters asked about having a meeting at the McClellan Air Base.

Ms. Andrea Tuttle, Director of Forestry and Fire Protection, reported that CDF is moving to McClellan and is currently remodeling the facility to fit the Department's needs. She did not know when the ribbon cutting would be, but would work with Board staff for a half-day field trip for that occasion.

### **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Acting Chair Dixon asked for comments.

Mr. Marckwald said that in the roads discussion, there was a brief topic on areas where the Committee was going to be involved in and the amount of time needed. He would welcome a full Board discussion early in the year about what are the three or four things that the Board can really do during the year and stay focused on those items.

Acting Chair Dixon agreed and asked Board staff to put it on January agenda.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Acting Chair Dixon adjourned the November 2001 meeting of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Daniel R. Sendek  
Acting Executive Officer

Stan Dixon  
Acting Chair

Copies of the attendance sheets can be obtained from the Board Office.